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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN - RESEARCH AT DARWIN STATION ON  
GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

REFERENCE: A) STATE 236188; B) STATE 132102

1. THE CHARLES DARWIN FOUNDATION IS AN INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION WITH HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS AND OPERATING THE CHARLES DARWIN RESEARCH STATION (CDRS) IN THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS. CDRS IS SPECIFICALLY CONCERNED WITH CONSERVATION AND SCIENCE IN THE GALAPAGOS, AND PROVIDES RESEARCH BASE FOR COLLABORATING RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS AND SCIENTISTS.
2. SUPPORT FOR FOUNDATION AND CDRS OPERATIONS IS WORLDWIDE, WITH MATERIAL SUPPORT COMING FROM THE SMITHSONIAN AND IN RECENT YEARS FROM GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR. CURRENT SMITHSON-  
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IAN DIRECT SUPPORT IS APPROXIMATE 30,000 DOLLARS ANNUAL LEVEL. SMITHSONIAN SECRETARY RIPLEY IS CHARTER MEMBER OF FOUNDATION (NOTE REFERENCE "A" REGARDING OCTOBER 1977 ATTENDANCE OF RIPLEY TO FOUNDATION MEETING) AND SMITHSONIAN ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SCIENCE DAVID CHALLINOR IS FOUNDATION "SECRETARY FOR THE AMERICAS (ADMINISTRATION)" SMITHSONIAN ALSO ASSISTS FOUNDATION IN OTHER WAYS SUCH AS OB-

TAINING SURPLUS DODGE TRUCK FOR CDRS (SENT GUAYAQUIL

DECEMBER 16, 1977 ON SS SANTA CRUZ CARE OF CENTRS DE INFORMACION GALAPAGOS) AND COORDINATING OTHER U.S. SUPPORT FOR FOUNDATION.

3. BOTH SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND SMITHSONIAN TROPICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (STRI, LOCATED IN CANAL ZONE) HAVE SUBSTANTIAL RESEARCH INTEREST IN GALAPAGOS AND MAKE FREQUENT USE OF CDRS FACILITIES. (NOTE STRI RESEARCH IN GALAPAGOS DESCRIBED REFTEL "B").

4. NEW CDRS DIRECTOR HENDRIK HOECK HAS JUST ARRIVED GALAPAGOS TO TAKE OVER FROM DEPARTING AMERICAN DIRECTOR CRAIG MCFARLAND. HOECK IS COLUMBIAN NATIONAL OF GERMAN FAMILY AND TRAINED AT MUNICH UNIVERSITY AND MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE. HOECK EXPECTS VISIT QUITO FOR SEVERAL DAYS ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 24, AND WILL CALL UPON EMBASSY. HOECK HAS BROAD CONCEPT OF ROLE CDRS SHOULD PLAY WITH RESIDENT COMMUNITY ON GALAPAGOS (2000 SOULS) AND WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH SCIENCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS THERE. SMITHSONIAN FEELS COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND OTHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS WOULD MATERIALLY AID CONSERVATION EFFORTS ON GALAPAGOS AND PRESERVATION ITS UNIQUE RESIDENT SPECIES AND ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS. THEREFORE, SMITHSONIAN WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE EMBASSY MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE TO MR. UNCLASSIFIED

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HOECK.

5. SINCE SMITHSONIAN FUNCTIONS TO LARGE EXTENT AS ADMINISTRATIVE AS WELL AS FINANCAL SUPPORT FOR CDRS, SMITHSONIAN HOPES EMBASSY AND CONGEN WILL ASSIST CDRS AND MR. HOECK IN ANY APPROPRIATE WAYS SO AS TO MAKE SMITHSONIAN SUPPORT MOST EFFECTIVE. CHRISTOPHER

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